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SUBJECT: REVIVED CHARGES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ICELAND

1. PERENNIAL CLAIMS THAT US HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORED IN ICELAND SURFACED AGAIN ON JULY 9 WITH REPRINT IN AFTERNOON VISIR OF ARTICLE FROM "NEW SCIENTIST" OF JUNE 3. QUOTING WASHINGTON-BASED CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION, WRITERS HANNES ALFVEN, FRANK BARNABY AND HERBERT YORK SAID THERE WAS SO MUCH PUBLICITY ABOUT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT IT IS OFTEN FORGOTTEN THAT US AND USSR HAVE "TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS," AND THEY ARE WIDESPREAD -- IN BELGIUM, FRG, GREECE, ICELAND, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, TURKEY AND UK.

2. COMMUNIST-LINING THJODVILJINN FOLLOWED UP WITH CLAIM THAT THIS WAS FURTHER PROOF OF CHARGES OF SUCH WEAPONS IN ICELAND PUBLISHED LAST DECEMBER BASED ON FRANK BARNABY'S WORK WITH PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SWEDEN. THJODVILJINN UNCLASSIFIED

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CALLED FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON WHO REPLIED THAT HE HAD SAID

PREVIOUSLY HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WERE ANY US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ICELAND AND HE HAD NOT SEEN ANYTHING TO CHANGE HIS VIEW.

3. HAVING THUS ENLIVENED THE DULL SUMMER SCENE, VISIR THEN PRINTED EDITORIAL MAKING FUN OF WHOLE ISSUE. SAID THIS WAS NOT NEW INFORMATION BUT MERELY SAME PEOPLE SAYING SAME THINGS. REFERRED TO THEM AS "SO-CALLED SCIENTISTS WHO TEND TO SEE AMERICAN BOMBS WHEREVER THEY LOOK."

4. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT WILL NOT BE END OF MATTER BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS THJODVILJINN (BACKED BY LEFTIST POLITICIANS) WILL PRESS GOI TO MAKE "OFFICIAL INQUIRY" INTO CHARGES AND REPORT TO ALTHING. MARTIN

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